



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PATENT S. Bupper  
11/29/03

**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the period for responding to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002 be extended three months from October 16, 2002 to and including January 16, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$930.00 is enclosed to cover the fees associated with the filing of this Petition for Three-Months Extension. If however, this check is inadvertently omitted or is otherwise insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any

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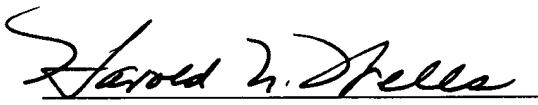
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additional fees which may be required (except payment of the issue fee) to JENKENS & GILCHRIST, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447(47168-00035USC1).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 1/16/03

  
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